

## Brocks Upper Room Winter 2020 Update



Stephen leading a Drum Circle Harp & Bowl Class

### Native American Flute Initiative

Tim commissioned a flute maker in Utah to create 2 native flutes, made with the wood from the Red River Revival Tree (going back to the 1800s). This summer, an opportunity has opened for Tim to attend the Solstice Native Flute Gathering in Utah, to be trained in a native style of playing. Melody will go with him. Prayers appreciated between June 17-23. (Many New Agers will most likely be in attendance.) Also Praying for completion of funds for the flutes (\$2K left to pay), as well as expenses for the conference. (\$1K)

### TG Ministry Trip & Family reunion

Thanksgiving week the entire Brock family ministered at Sovereign Lord Fellowship (Orlando FL), the Ulrich Home Gathering (St Pete) and Christian Retreat (Bradenton). Later, we met with Melody's side of the family in Tennessee: her older brother Bruce and his new wife Jill, Bruce's 2 daughters and Melody's sister Rebecca from Virginia.

### BUR Music School

The growth in the students has been steady and sure, as we feel the Lord teaching through us. We have 3 large group classes per semester, where they learn theory and ensemble playing. We played a group concert at Grandma Bunny's Rehab Center in December. It felt like the children & youth released a spiritual cleansing in the atmosphere as they played their guitars, piano and violins. We will be doing a similar concert on March 28 and will include several hymns & worship songs.



## **Brock Family Update**

### **Grandma Bunny:**

She had an emergency (life saving) surgery early Sunday, Jan 26. They found blockage from old scar tissue causing Diverticulitis (an irruption) in her small intestines. They removed built up scar tissue from a past surgery when she almost lost her life as an 18 year old in 1946. This hopefully will resolve GI track issues bothering her for many years!

She now has a permanent catheter which is such a blessing. Instead of spending hours in the bathroom, she will be able to exercise and go to the prayer room. It is such a blessing to have her and we love praying with her. She is now in rehab & with us in Kansas City until June 2020.

### **Samuel:**

Samuel and Suzanne are planning to get married at the end of the summer in Canada. He continues to teach online, work with his electric string quartet and navigate visa challenges.

This summer, he plans to return to Israel to teach at the Dor Haba camp, training Israeli and Arab youth in worship and prayer, and to serve at Succat Hallel. We are praying for partners in helping with his airfare and housing, he needs to raise \$2,000 by June 1.

### **John:**

He is enjoying his full time job with Front Door Fitness as a personal trainer. He won "Trainer of the Quarter" in November 2019. He is planning to move into a basement apartment mid March.

### **Stephen:**

He is putting hours of practice in on both the drums and violin. He and Tim will be attending a drum & percussion conference in Vancouver February 21-22. He also plans to get Suzuki certified to teach Violin at the Suzuki Institute in Columbus, OH June 6 - 14. (\$750).

### **Joseph:**

His football team won the championship the 2nd year in a row in Panama City, FL. Joseph played cornerback getting several key tackles and a "turning point" interception in their 1st playoff game leading to the championship!

Coaches Backstory: One of the highlights of this event was when Joseph's head coach, who lives out his faith modeling excellence in character, was sharing about his personal life before the final game. He said, "I am so proud of all you guys, and how hard you have worked, but this is not about football, but about developing character and learning life lessons."

Joseph's coach revealed that he had an unpleasant childhood with an alcoholic father. He started to tear up and said: "I am who I am today because of this man!" And he pointed to an older gentleman sitting up front. "He was MY football coach. He modeled what it was to be a good coach and a good father. I spent a lot of time with his family. And now he drove all the way down from Kansas City to support me as a football coach and this whole team!"

Joseph will be graduating from The Daniel Academy High School on May 15, 6pm and will be giving a solo cello recital May 16, 4pm. (He plans to attend UMKC in the fall where he has a full scholarship)

